

Application Serial No.: 09/633,767

REMARKS

Claims were amended herewith in order to bring this application to allowance quickly. All independent claims 1, 14, 27, 28 and 29, were amended to include the limitation of the routing including the step of, "examining possible routes closest to the destination node." This corresponds to including in all claims the limitation of objected-to claims 9, 13, 22 and 26, namely "wherein said predetermined node is the destination node.." Since the limitation is included in all claims, objected to claims 9, 13, 22 and 26, are canceled herewith.

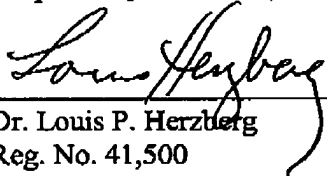
Thus, claims 1, 14, 27, 28 and 29, are allowable as amended over the alleged prior art. Dependent claims 2-8, 10-12, 15-21, 23-25 stand as originally filed and are allowable as being dependent on an allowable claims. A listing of the claims is provided as required in the new USPTO amendment practice per 37 CFR 1.121.

It is anticipated that this amendment brings the application to allowance of claims 1-45, and favorable action is respectfully solicited. In the unlikely event that any claim remains rejected, please contact the undersigned by phone in order to discuss the application.

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